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**METHOD FOR OPERATING A STRIP CASTING
 MACHINE FOR PRODUCING A METAL STRIP
 AND DEVIE FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD
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Respectfully submitted,

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